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REMARKS

A telephone conference was held on May 19, 2004 between Examiner Duong and the Attorney for the Applicants, Michael A. Catania. Based on that telephone conference, claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting.

Claims 1-9 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Application Number 6,620,056. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,620,056.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,582,321. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,582,321.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,435,982. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,435,982.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,440,011. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,440,011.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,435,978. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,435,978.

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Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,390,933.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,390,933.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,381,828.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,381,828.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,371,868.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,371,868.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,354,962.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,354,962.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,506,127.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,506,127.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,435,977.

Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,435,977.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Number 6,368,234.

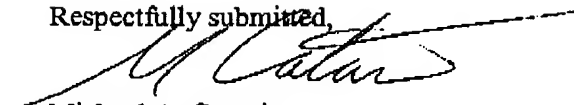
Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer for U.S. Patent Number 6,368,234.

It is believed that the claims are allowable. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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